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Inquiry: How does the Board stand on floating and practicing in areas of the hospital in which the RCP has not been trained? Myself and other RCP's who have only worked in the neonatal specialty area for twenty years or greater, are now being sent to the adult areas of the hospital without training.

Response: In response to your inquiry regarding floating and practicing in areas of the hospital in which the RCP has not been trained, please be advised that nothing in the Respiratory Care Practice Act (RCPA) precludes this. Licensure as a RCP implies competency in all areas respiratory care and does not set limits on where the qualified RCP practices. It is recommended that your personal Continuing Education activity be directed towards upgrading your skills in adult respiratory care.

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